



Metropolitan District Commission Division of Watershed Management

Wachusett Reservoir Watershed Public Access Plan Update



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ABSTRACT

The Metropolitan District Commission Division of Watershed Management (MDC/DWM) owns over 16,000 acres of land in the Wachusett Reservoir watershed. MDC/DWM manages these watersheds primarily for water quality protection, drinking water supply, and environmental resource protection purposes. The Metropolitan District Commission Division of Watershed Management Wachusett Reservoir Watershed Public Access Plan Update 2003 explains MDC/DWM policies and outlines control measures to be used to mitigate impacts from public access on those lands. This Plan includes policies for common recreational activities that occur on the land and water resources in the Wachusett Reservoir watershed. This update builds upon the information provided in the 1996 MDC Public Access Plan for the Wachusett Watershed and uses current regulations and legislation to outline policies for public access to MDC/DWM property in Boylston, Clinton, Holden, Hubbardston, Leominster, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling, and West Boylston. MDC/DWM will begin implementation of the MDC/DWM Wachusett Reservoir Watershed Public Access Plan Update 2003 in July, 2003.

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